

1 security in office. Now, I don't have language to propose,
2 but I think this is a very dangerous kind of a concept to
3 permit a single judge to have the right to select or fire
4 the clerk of the court. I don't think the clerks can be
5 given any kind of assurance there in most of these coun-
6 ties where they are responsible to a single appointive
7 judge. As I say, I have no proposal to make except I
8 would like to have some consideration given to some kind
9 of security for the clerk during either a term in office
10 or good behavior or removed only by a majority of the
11 court or some other, something other than a purely per-
12 sonal appointment.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Judge Adkins, the discussion
14 yesterday indicated that it is only the top clerk who
15 serves at the pleasure. The other clerks would be appointed
16 and tenure to be governed by Rule. Do you understand that?

17 JUDGE ADKINS: I don't understand that to be
18 the case here. It is the clerks of each Superior and
19 District Court?

20 MR. MARTINEAU: There is only one clerk of the
21 Superior Court for the entire State, and there is one